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1. During the last two weeks of September 1947 two rifle divisions held regimental size exercises in the area Eisenach (H-76) - Treffurth (H-78) - Mühlhausen (H-99). One of these divisions was the 57th Guards Rifle Division; the number of the other could not be determined.
2. At the same time a tank division and a mechanized division were training at Ohrdruf (J-15) and Berka vor dem Hainich respectively.
3. Between 1 and 13 October 1947 joint exercises were held by the above mentioned four divisions in the area Erfurt-Eisenach-Ilmenau (J-23)-Langensalza (J-08). Streets and fields were heavily damaged by the troop movements.
4. The plan involved the break-through of an armored formation over the zonal border between Eisenach and Treffurth and the overrunning of the infantry defenses along the border. This attack was held up by tank forces moving from the area north of Gotha, the attacking forces being surrounded and destroyed in the area Arnstadt-Gotha.
 - a. Air support was provided by a 'Jagdüverband' of 70 machines, half of them similar to ME 109's and half being Yak-4's, and a 'Schlachtverband' of about 50 aircraft, ten of them being Stormoviks and some of the remainder being similar to ME 110's and JU 88's.
 - b. The aircraft operated from the airfields at Erfurt/Bindersleben and Weimar/Noth.
 - c. These airfields, only temporarily occupied for the maneuvers, have been evacuated since 14 October 1947. Soviet Air Force ground troops and equipment left in eight freight trains, of which four went to Dresden, three to Kothlen and one to Dessau.
5. Tank forces engaged consisted of JS 3's, T-34's and German 'Tiger' tanks. On many of the latter type the German 'Balkenkreuz' was still visible. There were also some SU-122's and SU-100's.
6. Each of the rifle divisions is said to have had one regiment of thirty 76.2 mm guns, horse-drawn.

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7. Anti-tank artillery consisted of 100 mm and 50 mm guns.
8. An artillery division was attached to the tank troops. It was equipped with 122 mm and 172 mm guns. The division was fully motorized with three-axled Studebaker trucks.
9. The infantry was equipped with both 80 mm and 122 mm mortars (? 8.2 cm. and 12 cm), the latter being both horse-drawn and motor-drawn.
10. On the march, in battle tactics and the construction of positions and tank obstacles, the performance of the troops, especially the engineer, is reported excellent. The latter built an assault bridge over the River Werra (width 45 meters) to carry heavy tanks, in two and one-half hours. Equipment is said to have been the same as that used during the war.
11. On 16 October 50X1-HUM
 1947 the unit was seen in Naumburg (J-39) and was travelling towards Wittenberg (E-37).
12. During the final phase of the maneuvers, from 0600 hrs. on 11 October 1947 to 1800 hrs. on 13 October 1947, all civilian vehicle and rail traffic in the area Erfurt-Arnstadt-Eisenach was forbidden.
13. On 14 October 1947 the troops left for their permanent quarters. They were to have reached them by 20 October 1947 according to an order from General Evashnin, Head of the SFA Transport Division, to the transport authorities of the SFA at the Reichsbahndirektion Erfurt.
14. Ninety-two transport trains were used for the transportation of troops from the area east of Naumburg. Five other trains each carried twenty T-34 tanks. The remaining troops left by road.

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